

RURAL FIRE MARSHALL DEPARTMENT

Department Overview

The Rural Fire Marshall is responsible for the control of wild land fires that originate on land not contained in a fire district, fire service area, national forest or grazing lands, or town / city. The Rural Fire Marshall also represents the County during incidents involving mutual aid between departments and is the Commission liaison with fire departments. In FY 07 the county continues its designation of Brett Waters, Central Valley Fire District Fire Chief as the County's Fire Marshal.

The most significant portion of this budget is the inclusion of \$25,000 in contracted services for county payment to local fire companies called out on wild land fires and personnel costs for daily business time devoted to County Fire. The County has not used a major portion of this line item for 3 years.

The County Fire Marshal coordinates responses to wild land fire events with the 13 fire districts, 4 fire service areas as well as the 3 towns and 2 City's within Gallatin County and state and federal agencies. The Marshal acts as incident commander until superceded by state or federal jurisdiction.

Department Goals

- Provide Public Safety and Educate Public on wild land fires.
 - Provide for firefighter safety during incidents through training in advance of call out.
 - Limit Environmental Damage from Wildfires.
 - Continue Coordinated effort in response to Wildfire events.
 - Act as liaison to County Commission and agencies.
 - Increase public knowledge of department.
 - Continue advanced training.
 - Assist with Sedan RFD to achieve viable organization.
 - Facilitate agreement between West Yellowstone & Northside RFD.
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Recent Accomplishments

- Improved response time through equipment enhancements.
- Coordinated training with state, local and federal wild land fire agencies.
- Assist with Gallatin County Community Wildland Protection Plan.
- Assist with formation of Fire Protection on South side of Hebgen Lake and into Northside RFD.

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2006 Budget Highlights

Personnel

- No change in personnel from the previous year.

Operations

- Reduction for contracted services.

Capital

- Capital Reserve \$ -0-
- Replace Fire Engine \$ 55,000

County Commission Goals/Department Response

The County Commission established a set of overarching goals for the county government. Listed below are the County Commission's goals, followed by the methods by which the Fire Marshall is striving to fulfill those goals.

Exceptional Customer Service

- Faster Response time
- Comply with City, County and Federal Standards

Be Model for Excellence in Government

- Faster Response Time
- Strive to be best in state

Improve Communications

- Increased public knowledge of department – receive positive impression from public

To be the Employer of Choice

- Continue Advanced Training
- Best Trained Staff in State

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WORKLOAD INDICATORS/PERFORMANCE MEASURERS

Workload Indicators

Indicator	Actual FY 2004	Actual FY 2005	Actual FY 2006	Projected FY 2007
1 . Fire				
2 . Burn permits				
3 . Calls				
4 . Subdivision/Zonign Districts Reviews				
5 . Liaison with other County/State/Fed Fire Organizations				
6 . Community Wildland Protection Plan				

Performance Measures

Measure	Actual FY 2004	Actual FY 2005	Actual FY 2006	Projected FY 2007
1 . Response time				
2 . Number of calls				
3 . Extent of call-brush, resident, etc.				
4 . Number of staff trained				

Commentary

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